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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

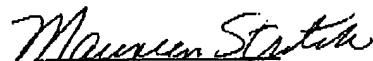
Dear Sir:

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Remarks:

Claims 2-57 were rejected under §102 as being anticipated by the INSS article.

The rejection stated that INSS "must be capable of some sort of analysis to understand the purpose of terms to even generate a Pareto-optimal agreement for both parties. In

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